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Season - Bellary - Bellary Kls - Turugodu - Emmega.
 new road formation - Advance of funds to Dist. Board
 - Recommended.

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Copy of letter No. C. 2175/31, dated 13-12-1931 from the President, District Board, Bellary to the Collector of Bellary:-

Reference.- Your C.No. 6504/31-A-5, dated 5-12-1931 - Extension of District Board ~~road~~ - Public Works to provide labour to unskilled labourers of the parts affected by failure of crops.

I have issued necessary instructions to the District Board Engineer, Bellary, to arrange to start departmentally the work at Kurugodu by commencing the laying of a road from Kurugodu to Emmiganur. An Overseer in the Board's service has been detailed for the supervision of the work. It will be started very shortly.

2. The question for immediate consideration is how to provide funds for this work. The District Board on account of the withdrawal from its credit last year of about Rs.66,000 under the ground of excess payment of land cess in several previous years, has already been working under a deficit budget even after curtailing its expenditure under "several services" for 1931-32. The fall under items of receipts is an additional burden; e.g. the motor license fees income has fallen by about Rs.20,000 when compared with that of 1929-30. At this part of the year all the allotments provided for ordinary maintenance of roads have been fully utilized. On construction works such as bridges, culverts and buildings in progress, directions have been issued for expenditure to be slowed down. The only way of providing funds at once for the departmental work is by stopping payments of outstanding work bills diverting the amount thus made available for disbursement to the labourers who attend the work camp.

3. I have to state also that the withdrawal by Government of the following grants in their present situation has caused an additional strain on the Board's finances - this increase of burden exceeding Rs.60,000.

(1) Compensation for the loss of toll income. The amount actually adjusted for the first two quarters being Rs.18,000 out of the sanctioned allotment of Rs.48,000 resulting in a fall of Rs.30,000 in the current year under this item of receipt as Government have withheld payments of future instalments in the current year.

(2) Half subsidy for the Board High School building, Rayadrug. Government sanctioned a half grant for this work. It was started after this sanction during 1930-31 and no part of the expenditure was subsidized during that year as the grant for "Secondary School Buildings" in the Civil Budget Estimate was fully allotted otherwise, ignoring the sanction for this work. It was continued in the current year (1931-32) with the hope that the grant would be adjusted at least in this year. After prolonged correspondence Government have definitely stated that in the present state of provincial finance, no grant can be adjusted for the work in question. The probable receipt from the grant in respect of the expenditure incurred up to date works up to about Rs.12,000.

(3) The cost of completing during the year, the incomplete culvert works taken up during 1930-31 with the half grant sanctioned by Government has entirely fallen on the Board. This costs not less than Rs.20,000. The works have, of necessity, to be completed, as otherwise the work already done will be a waste.

4. I have to allude to these state of affairs in proof of the inability of the District Board to shoulder any part of the liability in respect of the works to be started to give employment to unskilled labourers. I would invite your kind attention to the fact that during the official years 1926-27 and 1927-28 when distress prevailed in large parts of Bellary, Adoni, Alur and Siruguppe taluks Government were pleased on the recommendation of the Collector of Bellary to sanction liberal grants for being utilised for the provision of work to the thousands of labourers suffering from unemployment - vide G.O. No. 764 L & M dated

dated 1-3-1927, 1251 L & M dated 2-4-1927, 1366 L & M dated 11-4-1927 and 1367 L & M dated 11-4-1927. This way of relief was found practically more useful to the sufferers than the system of famine camps with costly establishment and low wages under the rigorous provisions of the Famine Code.

5. In these circumstances I request you to kindly recommend to the Government the adoption of the above policy of subsidizing the whole expenditure which was supported by C.D.A. Crofton Esq., the Collector of Bellary during the period of distress in 1926-27 and 1927-28. For the alleviation of the present distress it seems essential to open work camps in several centres about which I shall await your view. There are about three and a half months in the current official year over which the relief programme has to extend. For the present an advance grant of Rs.20,000 may be recommended for the remaining part of this year to be placed at once at the credit of the Board, the grant being subject to increase according to demand in and after the close of this year. Regular accounts will be rendered for the expenditure from the advance grant.

The favour of a very early action is requested.

Ref. C. No. 6504/31-A5. Bellary Collector's Office, 15-12-31.

Endorsement.

Copy submitted to Government through the Board of Revenue and another copy direct to Government in the Local Self Government Department. The policy is the approved and settled policy - see Local Self Government Memo. No. 3430-A-2-C L & M. dated 3-2-1927 and subsequent papers. An advance of Rs.20,000 may be sanctioned immediately as one work estimated to cost Rs.50,000 has already been started (Kurugodu-Emmiganur road). Two other works - Moka-Hagari road, Holagundi-Bellary road - estimated to cost more than a lakh may have to be started at any moment. The people of the adjacent villages are coming to

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clamouring for work on them. It is true that their crops have
^ failed; I have been making village inspections myself and can
guarantee it.

(Sd) * *

for Collector.

Copy of Endorsement to the President, District Board and
the District Board Engineer, Bellary.

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Local Self Govt. Department

Memorandum No. 53010-1-C-L&H dated 2nd January 1932.

Provision of work for unskilled labour
in Bellary taluk.

The Government understand that some parts of the Bellary taluk viz. the Kurugodu and Hoka firkas have been adversely affected by the present season and are anxious with the co-operation of the local board to provide local employment for the labourers affected. They are prepared to give grants in full on the postpay system for the execution of local fund works which will provide work especially for unskilled labour.

2. The Collector suggests that the Kurugodu Yemiganur road may be started ~~at once~~ for this purpose. The President accordingly requested to start the work immediately and report to Government without unnecessary delay what amount is likely to be spent on the road in the current year. The reply should be submitted through the Collector.

T. B. Ramachandra Mudaliyar,
Assistant Secretary to Govt.

To the President, District Board, Bellary.
To the Collector of Bellary.
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Superintendent.

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Revenue Department.Endorsement No. 41 E/32-1, dated 5th January 1932.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

T. N. S. Raghavan,

Under Secretary to Government.

To

The Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement.

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(By Order)

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 Superintendent.

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